

JAPS BOMBARD NEW CHANG FORTS

And the Russians Sink Japanese Ships Monday.

Russians Feel Enthusied Over War News — Vessel Sunk.

KOURAPATKIN MAY COMMAND

London, April 26.—The Tien Tsin correspondent wires that the Japanese bombarded the forts at New Chwang Monday evening.

JAPANESE SHIP SUNK.

London, April 26.—Reuters Seoul correspondent wires the latest news from Gensan is that a Russian war ship which Monday appeared off that port, sank the Japanese steamer Goinio Maru and then disappeared. The crew of the sunken vessel was saved.

MASSING TROOPS.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—Mukden reports forty thousand men occupying fortified positions along Yalu, twenty thousand posted at Takushan head of Korea bay, where the Japanese have threatened to make a landing. The Russians also occupy the banks of Tumen river for a long distance.

RUSSIANS ENTHUSED.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—A dispatch states that the rumors of imminence of a disturbance of the friendly relations between Russia and China in the foreign office is not reasonable to expect. The appearance of the Vladivostok squadron off Gensan Korea, Monday and the sinking of a Japanese merchant vessel, has revived popular enthusiasm.

KUROPATKIN MAY COMMAND.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—General Kuropatkin, it is believed in the highest military circles here, is destined to become commander in chief of all the emperor's forces, both military and naval, in the far east.

Admiral Alexieff may remain there for some little time as viceroy, but his reign is considered practically ended. He will not be humiliated, but in order to effect harmonious relations, a way will be found to secure his elimination.

WEALTHY MAN

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF HOPKINSVILLE DIES.

Hopkinsville, April 26.—Stephen E. Trice, a retired banker and one of the wealthiest citizens here, died this morning, aged 84. He was a native of Providence, Tenn., and came here 65 years ago. The foundation of his fortune was laid in the mercantile business, but he was for 40 years president of the Planters Bank, retiring three years ago.

GOES TO GOTHAM

KENTUCKY CONGRESSMAN TO VISIT "DRY DOLLAR" SULIVAN SOON.

Washington, April 26.—When congress adjourns, Congressman Ollie James, of the First Kentucky, will go to New York, to be guest of Congressman "Dry Dollar" Sullivan. Congressman James received a telegram from Congressman Sullivan this morning saying: "All the automobiles in New York will be at your disposal and Tammany will give you a warm welcome. Your friends will meet you on Broadway. Yours, Tim."

AMERICAN NAVY OFFICERS.

Constantinople, April 26.—It is stated that four American officers who were among the crew which navigated the Turkish cruiser, Abdul Medjid from Cramp's yard, Philadelphia to Turkey, signed contracts to join the Turkish navy. Captain Buckman, one of the officers, was made Turkish vice admiral.

ANDY SKILLIAN'S DEATH WAS SUDDEN

Well Known River Engineer Dies From Heart Failure.

Found Wading Around in Island Creek and Died Twenty Minutes Later.

HAD BEEN ILL SOME TIME

Capt. Andy Skillian, of 1790 Broad street, a well known river engineer aged 55, died suddenly last night about 11 o'clock on a house boat near the mouth of Island Creek, and the coroner's jury today decided that he died from heart disease and rheumatism.

The deceased had been in ill health for some time, and only recently spent about a month in the marine hospital at Cairo. He was employed on the small steamer Gracie, and was last night preparing to tow a house boat up the river, but the machinery got wrong in some way and he postponed the trip.

He is supposed to have been at work about the house boat when he fell overboard, probably during an attack of vertigo. He probably revived enough by the cold plunge to swim to shallow water, possibly the water where he fell was not deep enough for him to drown, but at any rate when a man who was going down to his boat accompanied by his wife, heard Mr. Skillian's cries for help and ran to assist him, he found him wading about in the water, too much exhausted to climb out on the bank. The helpless man was taken into a skiff and placed aboard the man's houseboat, but lay there and died in about twenty minutes.

The evidence heard at the coroner's inquest this morning developed the fact that the deceased had been sick for some time, and yesterday and last night had several "fainting spells." His friends had attempted to induce him to return to the marine hospital at Cairo, but he declined.

Mr. Skillian had lived in Paducah for many years and was for a long time employed on the I. C. transfer here. He leaves a wife and three children. He was a member of the marine engineers' association, and of the Knights of Honor.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Republican District Convention Meets Here Thursday.

Will Hold Its Sessions At The City Hall.

The Republican District convention will be held in Paducah Thursday, the 28th. The convention will be held at the City Hall and will be called to order by ex-Senator Deboe, of Marion, Ky., at 1 o'clock.

There will be one hundred and fifty seven delegates in the convention and it gives promise of being one of the most interesting ever held. The Paducah delegation is composed of some of the best men in the party.

WRECK IN ST. LOUIS YARDS.

St. Louis, April 26.—A head-end collision between a B. and O. and Vandalia fast mail train in the terminal yards this morning, telescoped both locomotives and wrecked several coaches and seriously injured three trainmen.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 26.—Republican state convention met this afternoon. Chairman Watson delivered the keynote speech, after which the committees were appointed. A number of speeches by the senators congressmen and others followed, Senators Beveridge, being the principal speaker.

Miss Myrtle Holloway, of Eddyville, has returned home after visiting here.

NEW CONCERN FOR FULTON

Capitalist of Fulton Will Establish Grocery There.

The New Company Will Begin Business Now in a Few Days.

CAPITAL STOCK OF \$15,000

Fulton, April 26.—Fulton is to have a wholesale grocery house. This enterprise has been in course of organization for some time past and today arrangements were completed and the company organized. The capital stock of the company is \$15,000, all of which is taken. \$10,000 of the stock has been paid in. The officers of the company are as follows: J. T. Stubblefield, president; J. H. Thetford, secretary and treasurer; J. G. Hill, general manager. Board of directors: W. P. Taylor, E. O. Reeds, J. H. Thetford, J. T. Stubblefield, J. G. Hill. The company will be ready for business as soon as a building is secured and details arranged.

SMALL CROWD

Less Than Fifty Left Today on Odd Fellows Excursion.

1,500 Visitors Are Attending the Reunion at Carbondale, Ill.

The special train that left about 7 o'clock this morning for Carbondale, Ill., with a crowd of Odd Fellows and others, for the nineteenth annual reunion of the I. O. O. F., carried only a small crowd. There were 20 tickets sold at the union depot and 32 at the Sixth street station, a total of 42.

Despite this, however, there is a large crowd there. A dispatch to The Sun says:

Carbondale, Ill., April 26.—The nineteenth annual celebration of the I. O. O. F. of interstate association is being held here. There are 1,500 Odd Fellows from Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Arkansas present. Contests begin tonight on the subordinate degree work.

AUTO SPILL.

EDWIN GOULDS' BIG MACHINE RUNS AMUCK.

New York, April 26.—Edwin Gould's new forty horse power automobile was wrecked and four men were injured, one of them T. Antonio Isabele, probably fatally in a collision early today between the automobile and a pile of building material on Seventh Avenue.

THE WORLD'S FAIR

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR OPENING.

St. Louis, Mo., April 26.—The world's fair commissioners met Tuesday to make final arrangements for the opening day. The commission announced that the general program for Saturday will remain practically unchanged.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York 9, Brooklyn 2.

Boston 5, Philadelphia 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

New York 4, Washington 1.

Chicago 7, Cleveland 4.

Detroit 4, St. Louis 2.

Philadelphia 2, Boston 0.

GETS COLDER.

The minimum temperature last night went to 45 degrees. The rainfall was .33 of an inch.

A SETTLEMENT IS NOW IN PROSPECT

H. M. Stark's Creditors Considering Proposition.

Money to Be Paid and Contempt Proceedings Dismissed if Successful.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN

It is understood that a proposition has been submitted to creditors of Harry M. Stark, formerly a wholesale liquor dealer here, by which his representatives will pay to them a certain sum of money in return for a settlement and the dismissal of the contempt proceedings pending against him in the Referee in bankruptcy's court here.

Several months ago, it will be remembered, Stark filed a petition in bankruptcy and the proceedings revealed the fact that about \$18,000 which Stark claimed he had spent could not be accounted for. He could show where only about \$8,000 went, and finding himself in a predicament he left the city, and has never yet been located by federal officers.

When he failed to show up he was cited for contempt, and would have been compelled to produce the \$10,000 or go to jail. But he could not be found, although the deputy marshal thought he had him spotted several times.

It is understood now that a proposition has been made by his friends for a settlement, and that all but a few of the creditors have agreed to it. It is likely that they will also, and then the matter will be formally presented to Referee Bagby and he will decide whether or not to dismiss the contempt proceedings and allow Stark to come back if he desires.

THE ARMY SITE

May Not be Located at West Point.

Logan C. Murray, However, Still Boosting Kentucky's Claim.

Washington, April 26.—Logan C. Murray, of Louisville, is here in the interest of the West Point army site. He called early this morning on Senator McCreary and Representative Sherley, but they were unable to give him much encouragement, as it appears to be certain that the bill ignoring West Point is to be tacked on to the military academy appropriation bill.

Mr. Murray called on Secretary Taft and told him "it was a crime" to transport soldiers to Chickamauga and the hills of Wisconsin when there were more central and more healthful points for mobilization. The hands of certain railroads are apparent in the legislation excluding West Point, and the Republicans in both houses will doubtless do as the administration has dictated.

WILEY SULTAN

IS PREPARING FOR WAR WITH BULGARIA.

Constantinople, April 26.—Notwithstanding the Turko-Bulgarian entente, the porte continues to prepare for war. The sultan is about to order a commission of his superior officers of his staff and artillery to prepare plans for the defense of fortifications on the frontier.

SECOND ATTEMPT.

Madrid, April 26.—A second attempt was made on the life of Premier Maura Premier, who was stabbed by a young anarchist at Barcelona a fortnight ago. He was shot at while traveling to Madrid from Barcelona Tuesday.

The shot passed through the top of the carriage. No one was injured.

THE LAWRENCE VIEWED BY MANY

The Destroyer Rounded to at 5 P. M. Yesterday.

Has Been Viewed by Thousands of People Since she Dropped Anchor.

SAILORS TO BE ENTERTAINED

The torpedo boat destroyer Lawrence arrived yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from Evansville and is now anchored out in the river below the towhead. The little wasp did not make very good time down, coming on "one wheel" as it were, and it required what seemed to the patient watchers on the river front an interminably long time for her to make her appearance after passing Smithland.

She was given the usual welcome by the boats in the harbor, the mills and locomotives, and will be here today, and possibly longer.

The sailors came to the city for mail and small supplies immediately upon their arrival, but no one was permitted aboard the boat.

The Commercial club has in charge the matter of entertainment, and it is announced today that the two officers do not desire any kind of entertainment, and officials will not come ashore. One must remain aboard all the time, hence the only entertainment provided will be for the 50 or more sailors, who will be given a dutch lunch at Elks hall.

The jack tars have had a jolly good time since they ascended the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and have been feasted and petted everywhere. A number of them enjoyed shore leave today.

The vessel has attracted a great deal of attention. It was hoped to have a barge landed close to the shore for her to anchor against, in order that the people might get out to her and inspect her, but no barge could be found.

The officers announced that the vessel would be open for inspection from 1 to 4:30 o'clock today.

The Lawrence is the largest torpedo boat destroyer owned by the government and is an immense vessel. The coming to Paducah of this most modern product of the war department is an event. Never before have the people of this section had an opportunity to see a vessel of this type.

There is only one other torpedo boat destroyer in the navy, the MacDonough, that rivals the Lawrence, and there are sixteen destroyers altogether. The MacDonough and the Lawrence are almost the same size, while all the others are considerably smaller.

The Lawrence is one of the latest products of the navy, having been built in 1898-1900 at Weymouth, Mass. She is a steel vessel with screw propulsion. She is 240 feet 10 inches long.

The average visitor to the Lawrence will be tempted to become curious to know where there is sufficient space to house two officers and 74 men on the Lawrence. There is not a single hatch which does not reveal a mass of intricate and tangled pipes and machinery. Down each one leads an unusually narrow steel ladder, over which is lifted a patent hatch cover of the same material. No woman on earth could go below without discomfort, so, difficult is the method of passage.

In one compartment just forward of amidships are quartered twelve men in a space not larger than a common-sized bathroom.

Every available and imaginable inch of space on the Lawrence is utilized for machinery to develop all the horse-power possible and increase the boat's coal carrying capacity. With the exception of a few sea chests and the regulation bridge, everything is stored below.

The most prominent feature of the Lawrence, aside from its peculiar color, is the four stacks, which look

DEPOT QUESTION NEAR SETTLEMENT

I. C. Officials to Inspect Mayfield Facilities.

Railroad Commissioners to Accompany Them and Look Over the Depot.

NEW DEPOT PROBABLE

Mayfield, Ky., wants a new depot, and wants it so badly that the railroad commissioners of Kentucky have been asked to compel the Illinois Central to put a new one up there. The company began repairing the present depot a short time ago but this did not do. The good people wanted a brand new one, and the railroad commissioners considered their demands at a special meeting. The council at Mayfield condemned the depot and ordered a new one, and the railroad commissioners were unable to arrive at any definite conclusion, so they decided to have the road officials go to Mayfield in person and take a look.

Today President Stuyvesant Fish and Second Vice President J. T. Harahan will arrive at Mayfield in a special coach and personally inspect the facilities provided there by the road.

They will be joined by Mr. C. O. McChord, chairman of the railroad commission, and Commissioner McD. Ferguson, of Paducah, the latter being here today on his way.

The general opinion seems to be that Mayfield will get the new depot, provided the council there does not change its mind in the meantime and demand one with a brownstone front and marble trimmings. It is expected that the railroad commission will base its action in the matter on the decision of the I. C. officials.

like an army on a vessel of its over all length, and narrow beam. These stacks emit the smoke from the furnaces of four boilers, which produce steam for a similar number of cylinders of the triple expansion variety.

The Lawrence possesses a modern electric lighting plant.

Lightness of construction is tantamount to the development of the highest speed on torpedo boats, and whenever a pound can be eliminated, stiff light materials are invariably substituted. The Lawrence uses galvanized ply steel wire cables running through a chock directly over the center of the stem, in place of the customary anchor chains, which would be entirely too heavy for use on torpedo boats. Thin wire forms the main deck rail instead of solid iron guys bent on larger vessels, and the smallest kind of stub end and pipe turn buckles take the slack out of the various stays.

This is all done to reduce weight and to contribute to the speed elements. Lieutenant Proctor, of the craft, is a young man. He is a native of Frankfort, this state, and entered the service September 29, 1899.

This afternoon the captain sent word over that no one could be received aboard the vessel on account of the rough water, but that tomorrow visitors would be received.

No arrangements have yet been made for taking them over to the boat but will be before tomorrow morning.

ON IRISH SOIL

EDWARD AND HIS QUEEN PAY IRELAND A VISIT.

Kingstown, Ireland, April 26.—King Edward and queen Alexander landed on this soil Tuesday on a second visit to the Emerald Isle since the coronation. The city is brightly decorated in honor of the occasion. Their majesties are received with great enthusiasm.

FIGHT HOUR LAW.

Washington, April 26.—The senate committee on education and labor Tuesday desired to postpone further considerations of the eight hour bill until December.